

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Robert A. Snell et al.
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For: HIGH PRECISION MANUFACTURE OF POLYURETHANE
PRODUCTS SUCH AS SPINAL DISC IMPLANTS HAVING
GRADUAL MODULUS VARIATION
Examiner: A. M. Schillinger
Art Unit: 3774

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| Dated: <u>12/29/08</u> | Signature: <u>Melanie Chuska</u> |

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

In response to the restriction/election requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 25, 2008, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I, claims 1-17 for continued examination.

A first and favorable action is respectfully requested. If, for any reason, the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conversation with the Applicants' representative would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at (617) 646-8000.

Dated: December 29, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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